

HOUSE BILL 596
By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 3, relative to public purchases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

§12-3-532.

(a) Whenever possible, all specifications for office materials, supplies
and equipment to be purchased by the state or any of its departments, institutions, or
agencies shall be worded or designed so as to permit remanufactured office materials,
supplies and equipment to be eligible for purchase. Such specifications may provide
that remanufactured office materials, supplies and equipment be comparable in use and
quality to new or currently manufactured office materials, supplies and equipment.

(b) The commissioner of general services shall prepare and submit to the
governor, the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives, and the chairs of
the committee on government operations a biennial report concerning the purchase of
remanufactured office materials, supplies and equipment. Such report shall include the
amount and frequency of such purchases, the cost savings realized by the state as a
result of such purchases, and remaining issues and areas for improvement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.